

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE, PERTH, ANGUS AND NORTH FIFE
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AUTHORITY
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 18th FEBRUARY 2015**

REPORT ON: PROPOSED ACTION PROGRAMME

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report sets out the Proposed Action Programme (Appendix One) which accompanies the Proposed Strategic Development Plan. The purpose of the report is to seek approval of the Proposed Action Programme.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The Proposed Action Programme is a legal requirement and requires to be submitted alongside the Proposed Plan. The Action Programme has been prepared in parallel with the Proposed Plan and sets out the aspirations behind the Plan and the actions required to deliver the spatial strategy. The majority of actions relate to new infrastructure provision which is required to deliver the spatial strategy.

2.2 TAYplan is required to consult and consider the views of the Key Stakeholders/Agencies, The Scottish Ministers, and anyone specified in person in the programme. Comments will be sought on the Proposed Action Programme during the period of representations on the Proposed Plan (11th May-3rd July 2015). The Scottish Government, Key Stakeholders/Agencies and those named persons (Lead Partners(s)) views have been sought and regard has been had to these in preparing this programme.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that The Joint Committee:

- a) approve the Proposed Action Programme (Appendix One);
- b) request that the four constituent Councils ratify the above decision (a);
- c) delegate the SDPA Manager to undertake the Proposed Action Programme period of representations in line with the statutory requirements; and,
- d) delegate the SDPA Manager to report back to The Joint Committee on the representations received to the Proposed Action Programme.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Proposed Action Programme will result in financial expenditure being incurred primarily on printing, other costs are incorporated within the Proposed Plan consultation and advertising costs (Report 03-2015: Proposed Strategic Development Plan).

5.0 PROPOSED STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME

- 5.1 Action Programmes supporting Development Plans are a requirement under the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006. A Proposed Action Programme has been prepared in parallel with the Proposed Plan. A complete review of the approach taken in TAYplan's Approved Action Programme has been undertaken. The layout, scope and content has been discussed and influenced by other such programmes, e.g. NPF3 Action Programme.
- 5.2 The purpose of the programme is to set out the aspirations behind the Plan and the actions needed to deliver the spatial strategy. These actions predominantly relate to the provision of new infrastructure. TAYplan's Proposed Action Programme sets out the key actions required to deliver the policies and proposals within the Proposed Plan. To ensure the efficient and timely delivery of the Strategic Development Plan, it is important to identify the actions required to deliver the strategy as early as possible to give confidence to the providers and funders of the required infrastructure and services to commence early planning and timely implementation. For this reason, it is very important for the Action Programme to remain up to date and therefore subject to regular review.
- 5.3 The Strategic Development Planning Authority, in preparing an Action Programme, is required to list the actions required to deliver each of the policies and proposals, name the person who is to carry out each action (identified as the Lead Partner(s)) with other delivery bodies also identified, and the timescales for conclusion of each action. In compiling the programme the Strategic Development Planning Authority requires to seek and have regard to the views of The Scottish Ministers and any person specified (Lead Partners(s)) by name when compiling the action programme.
- 5.4 In compiling the Proposed Action Programme views have been sought and regard has been had to comments from officers of the 4 Constituent Councils, Key Agencies and the other persons (Lead Partners(s)).
- 5.5 Actions at a national level are identified as these too are very important to the delivery of the vision set out in the Proposed Plan. To ensure the timely and efficient delivery of the Plan it is important to identify the infrastructure that is required as early as possible to give confidence to the providers and funders to commence early planning and timely implementation. In addition, a review of recent policy and proposals was undertaken to ensure that all national, strategic and local projects are up to date and are cross referenced, where necessary.

- 5.6 The programme sets out:
- Project/proposal – The Action;
 - Description and Strategic Fit – the Policy to which it relates in the Proposed Plan;
 - Lead Partner/Person Responsible and other delivery bodies, identifying the plans and strategies the action is to be delivered through;
 - Phasing of actions – the key deliverables;
 - Evidence of progress;
 - Status/ % Delivered
- 5.7 The Proposed Action Programme does not seek to identify more site specific proposals than those contained within the Proposed Plan itself. A number of the proposals are contained within the existing Regional Transport Strategies and The Scottish Government’s Strategic Transport Policy Review.
- 5.8 The programme also identifies actions arising from the Strategic Environmental assessment and the Appropriate Assessment (through the Habitats Regulations Appraisal) for specific areas of more detailed assessment to be undertaken through Local Development Plans.
- 5.9 Representations will be sought on the Proposed Action Programme to ensure that any interested party has the opportunity to object or support, including those named persons within the programme.
- 5.10 The Proposed Action Programme requires to be adopted by the Strategic Development Planning Authority within 3 months of the Strategic Development Plan being approved by Ministers. This is anticipated to be early 2017 during which time, the Action Programme will be updated. The programme requires to be updated at least bi-annually to identify the progress which is being made to delivering the spatial strategy.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Treasurer and Clerk to TAYplan, the Director of Communities Directorate, Angus Council, The Director of City Development, Dundee City Council, Executive Director of Environment, Enterprise and Communities, Fife Council and the Executive Director (Environment), Perth & Kinross Council have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Circular 6/2013: Development Planning, Scottish Government
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0044/00441577.pdf>)
- 7.2 Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006
(http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2006/17/pdfs/asp_20060017_en.pdf)
- 7.3 Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/01/20576/50663>)

- 7.4 Town & Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2008/426/contents/made>)
- 7.5 Consultant's report on the Review of Strategic Development Plans (April, 2014) and the Scottish Government's Response (June, 2014) <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/Development-Planning/Strategic-Planning/ReviewDocs>

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Appendix One
Proposed Action Programme
Committee Version